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## University Fire Destroys Jumbo's Remains

A three alarm fire burned through P. T. Barnum Hall at Tufts University, on April 14th, destroying Barnum circus memorabilia including the preserved remains of Jumbo, the elephant.

The second and third floors of the four story slate building were burning when two Medford (Mass.) policemen spotted the blaze. Firemen from two nearby towns provided assistance in subduing the fire.

The 91 year old building was built with funds provided by P. T. Barnum and contained his circus collection, plus the elephant, Jumbo, the museum's most famous exhibit.

### Ouch!

George Freeman, a newspaper distributor at New Smyrna Beach (Fla.) just couldn't believe his eyes when an elephant fell on his car while he was making his rounds on April 14th.

Freeman was driving on U. S. Highway 1, when two elephants

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Barnum purchased the huge elephant from the London Zoo at a cost of \$10,000 and brought it to America in 1883.

Jumbo's admirers in England protested the sale and tried to prevent it. This resulted in making the elephant one of the most famous of all circus attractions.

The mounted elephant was  
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# ANOTHER BIG ONE

The annual Tigris Temple Shrine Circus, at Syracuse, N.Y., (April 3-6) was produced by Paul Kaye and featured the following acts. (For a review of the show see Circus Report for April 21, 1975 - Page 9)

Jack Cervone - Band Leader  
 Spec "Circus Fantasy Parade"  
 Juan, Philippe, Karen, Roberto  
 and Venetio - aerial stars  
 Miss Donna - aerial gymnast  
 Pat Anthony - wild animals  
 The Strong Duo - aerialists  
 Circus Clown Pranks  
 The Freddies, The Sergis and  
 Geza Szabo - juggling  
 Lona's Pets  
 Erik's Pals  
 Senorita Elizabeth - hair hang  
 Krasavina & Fedin - Soviet clown  
 Oscar Cristiani - elephants  
 Aerial Ballet with Arturo  
 Antalek's chimps  
 Adam's chimps  
 The Clowns  
 Rodriguez Troupe - horz. bars  
 -- Intermission --  
 The Four Flying Ramos  
 Krazy Circus Clowns  
 The Smaha Family - horses  
 Harold Alzana - high wire  
 Canestrelli Family - trampoline  
 The Quassars - Space Ship  
 Grand Finale

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## SHRINE CIRCUS

The Bektash Shrine Circus, here at Manchester, N.H., was a Bob Snowden production for the week of April 10-13. A total of seven performances were offered, plus one special show for kids.

Featured on the program here were:--

The Dubskeys - four acts  
 Gina's Uncaged Leopards  
 Los Argentinos - high perch  
 Rex Williams - elephants/mixed animals/rhino  
 Janos Dubsky - mixed animals  
 Cimse's trained dogs  
 Tearini, paper tearing clown

Other acts included an illusion show, high wire act, jugglers, aerial numbers, tight wire and the Shrine clowns.

..... Paul Horsman

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# G-M Winner In So. California

Although there was some stiff competition, it appears that the George Matthews Circus came out a winner as far as Southern California dates are concerned. Polack Bros. played a weekend date in Los Angeles (Apr. 11-13), while Circus Vargas were playing several dates in the area - with all shows just a few miles apart.

Some unexpected opposition TV spots advertising the coming Ringling-Barnum summer dates seemed to have the reverse effect, and actually helped attendance at both Circus Vargas and the George Matthews Circus. Newspapers, radio and TV have been especially good to the G-M show, giving them excellent coverage every day and that has helped spark interest in the circus.

The circus has been expanded and improved since its opening and its appearance looks much like that of a 15 car railroad show. Of special note are the newly added acts, including the Dymek Karimierez Trio, from Poland, who rate a standing ovation at each performance.

Circus officials and the band all wear red jackets, for easy identification. The prop crew is newly uniformed, and the 14 man usher crew, headed by Ivan Henry, wear sky-blue uniforms.

Since the rains stopped business has picked up steadily for the G-M show, with an average attendance of 3/4 or better. At the last show in La Habra a record crowd turned out, and some 4,000 people had to be turned away. Business was "fantastic" all week at Laguna Hills and full houses were a regular

thing at Santa Monica, despite some showers.

Their last weekend before jumping into Las Vegas for Apr. 22-23, attendance was such that three shows were given on Saturday and Sunday (Apr. 19-20) with turnaway crowds on Friday. Long lines were constantly at the show's four ticket windows, paying cash for tickets. Ticketron sales accounted for a heavy advance sale of reserved seats.

This will surely be the year that other shows will have to tip their hats to Sid Kellner and his operation. It's obvious that the circus campaign, route and operation have been carefully thought out and planned. If business continues to hold up for the season this is one show that's going to come home as a real winner.

## Show Program

The program, as presented by the George Hanneford Family Circus, while on tour with the Deg-geller Spectacular Magic Midway, featured:--

Overature/clown warm-up  
 Joe Casstevens & Co. - tramp.  
 Kathy Hanneford - bareback act  
 Clowns - The Hairgrower  
 Princess Morningstar - aerial  
 Great Medro - juggling  
 Clowns - The Firehouse  
 Vickie and Her Pets (dogs/pony)  
 Miss Linda - Spanish web  
 The circus elephants  
 Senor Odrem - balancing ladder  
 Famous Hanneford Family Rid-  
 ing act

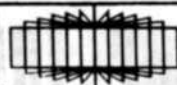
The circus is presented under a blue and white tent, which measures 120 x 80 ft. The program is presented in the European style.

## PEOPLE

PERRY LUTH and JAMES DePIRO recently visited the George Matthews Circus, Circus Vargas and De Wayne Bros. all in the same week in the Los Angeles area.

BOB-O, the Clown, is recovering from a recent heart attack and is confined close to his home in Sacramento, Calif. He had planned to tour with Carden & Johnson Circus this season.

JIM BASS is manager of the Lewis Bros. Circus this year, the show is owned by HOXIE TUCKER, of Florida.



## Madison Square Garden Corporation

### INTERIM REPORT FOR THE THREE MONTHS AND NINE MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 1975

#### To The Shareholders:

We are very pleased to report that third quarter net earnings advanced to \$959,000, or \$.20 per share, against \$445,000, or \$.09 per share, in the same quarter last year. Revenues for the third quarter of fiscal 1975 increased to \$36,787,000, compared with \$35,426,000 for the comparable period last year.

Net earnings for the nine months ended February 28, 1975 rose to \$2,464,000 or \$.51 per share from \$358,000 or \$.07 per share in 1974 (before the 1974 year-end provision for anticipated losses on disposal of certain assets). Nine months revenues advanced to \$115,501,000 versus \$104,429,000 in last year's comparable period.

The sports and entertainment and racing segments of the company's operations continued to show improvement during the quarter. Results were especially helped by the strong performance of our international ice show business, headed by the very able Skee Goodhart. We own an 80% interest in that business, with the remaining 20% still owned by its founder and valued advisor, Mr. Morris Chalfen.

We also strengthened our Company during the third quarter with the addition of Mr. James Appell, who joined us as executive vice president of Madison Square Garden Center, Inc. and is now the chief operating officer of our arena facility. Mr. Appell had previously served as general manager of the Los Angeles Forum and is recognized as an outstanding talent in his field.

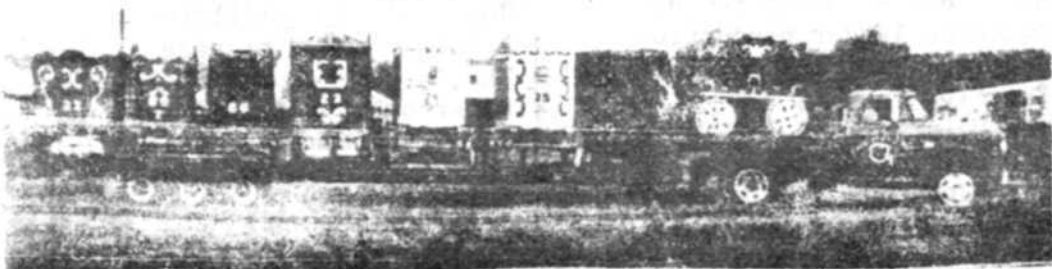
We are also pleased to report that Mr. William M. Jennings, president of the New York Rangers and a director of the company, has recently been elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Our fiscal year ends May 31 and we are confident that the balance of the year will be satisfactory.

SHEILA and BRADD FRANK will be presenting their rope act and horses at a North Carolina park from May 30 to Sept. 1st.

# A Show That's Worth Seeing

Just the other day (April 11) we drove over to Lewiston, Maine, to see the Commerford & Shea Show and it is worth seeing, that's for sure. All of the animal pens were up when we arrived and the animals were being brought in. They have a big assortment of animals, with two elephants, camel, zebra, llama, kangaroo, etc.



In all they have some 40 miniature cages. Every one is flashy with carvings, scroll work, etc. Many have a long history back of them. Two of these cages are former Terrell Jacobs units and one of the wagons came from California - made by Perry Luth.

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The show owns some 23 trucks and every one of these is painted circusy, with titles and scroll work. They also have a new Tangley calliope, in a beautifully carved wagon. They have about three other calliopes with the show too.

.....Paul Horsman

## COMING



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## 3-RING CIRCUS

The King Bros. Circus, now on tour in the east, features the following circus program:-

Wizzardry - juggling  
 The Gungas - chair balancing  
 The Franconis - double trapeze  
 Miss Veva - poodle review  
 Swinging ladder production  
 Capt. Carl Conley - liberty act  
 The Clowns  
 The McLarens and The Gungas - rolling globes  
 Miss Jo Ann - single trapeze  
 Daisy Mae - african goats  
 Mixed animal feature  
 Jennier's seal "Buddy"  
 El Diablo and his flying plates  
 Miss Kathy and Peggy - wire acts  
 The Circus Clowns  
 The Kirks - baboons  
 Miss Robin and Miss Jo Ann - aerial cloud swing  
 Capt. Cline and Kathy - elephant

## Show Date

Early this month the Billy Burr's big Funorama and Playtime Shows set-up at the Bedford Mall (N.H.). This engagement was for the period of April 2-12.

The show winters at the local fairgrounds and it took two days to move out, after a road was bulldozed into the fair grounds. A week later we had 17 inches of snow, so it was a good thing they got out when they did

Funorama trucks are paint-

## SHOW ACTS

Show acts currently on tour with the Voorheis Bros. Circus, on its annual spring tour in the State of Michigan, include:-

The Rolandos - jugglers  
 Bobby Jane Duo - jugglers  
 Jose Cole - equilibriest  
 Arturo Ponce - trapeze  
 The Barrys - comedy trapeze  
 Alberto Zoppe Riding Troupe  
 Toto, the Human Gorilla  
 The Marcellis - wire/unicycles  
 Tajura - lion riding horse  
 Ricky Romig - clown antics  
 Captain Erv's chimps  
 The Langs - acrobats  
 Prof. Alberto's Riding Academy  
 The Flying Millers

The show's staff includes:

Col. Bill Voorheis - ringmaster  
 James Green - band leader  
 Bill Voorheis III - Asst.Prod.  
 Ray Swowards - concession mgr  
 H. Donn Parker - property boss  
 Wally Duford - electrician



ed flashy. The basic color is white, with the title in several colors and blue scroll work.

The show carries several rides and they have two office units since they usually play two dates at the same time. As a result they have duplicate ferris wheels, merry-go-round, etc.

..... Paul Horsman

# Weather Slaps Beatty-Cole Circus



The 1975 Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros, Circus tour opened indoors at Commack, N.Y., in the Long Island Arena, amidst rumors of cut-backs, new owners and other things, which to date have proved to be unfounded.

This year's opening engagement was shorter than in previous years and it was said that business was down from that of last year.

At the conclusion of the indoor date they jumped to Maryland and the first week under canvas was miserable and cold. Winchester, Va., booked for April 3 was cancelled due to strong winds and freezing weather. Harrisburg, Va., set for April 4th was also cancelled and Waynesboro, set for April 6th was moved back to April 27th. They backed-routed and picked up Winchester on April 6th. All acts did work that date, except the Flying Astros.

Ron Gill, of the Aerial Glorions, reports the whole show deserves "super trouper" awards for that day alone -- the Side Show was blown down here, but damage was light.

The show is carrying nine elephants (6 bulls and 3 punks), with the babies working in the center ring.

While Kenneth Dodd is not on the show, the Alley consists of six clowns, all pros who have been with the circus in past years. They are: Crespo, Jimmy James, Dennis Stevens, Louie Nagy, Jerry Weiner, Mike Ferreria.

This year the band is directed by Jimmy Ille and they sound real good, with eight pieces, plus organ.

The program as of April 16 was as follows:-

David Hoover - wild animals  
 Rita & Elba - aerial cradle  
 Bryan & Sharon - aerial cradle  
 The Aerial Glorions - perch  
 Clowns - The Bull Fight  
 Kay Hanneford - dogs  
 The Williams - dogs  
 Aerial Ballet features Ron & Mitzie in iron jaw number  
 Kay Hanneford - bareback riding  
 The Williams - juggling  
 The Drouettes - juggling  
 Clowns - A Dog Pie  
 Fred Logan - elephants  
 Mitzie - iron jaw slide  
 Elba & Francine - perch pole  
 The Drouettes - ladder balance  
 The Verdus - rolling globes  
 The Flying Astros

M. L. Dupont

# ROUTES

Allen's Pet Zoo  
Apr 30-May 4 San Dimas, Ca

Al Menah Shrine Circus  
Apr. 24-27 Nashville, Tenn

Beatty-Cole Circus  
Apr. 28 Richmond, Va.  
29 Newport News  
30 Salisbury  
May 1 Dover, Dela.  
2-4 Wilmington

Cahaba Temple Shrine Circus  
May 2-4 Huntsville, Tenn

Carson & Barnes Circus  
Apr. 28 Tulia, Texas  
29 Amarillo  
30 Hereford  
May 1 Dumas  
2 Woodward, Okla.  
3 Clinton  
4 Hobart

Hubert Castle Circus - Blue  
May 1-3 Saskatoon, Sask

Hubert Castle Circus - Red  
May 3-10 Winnipeg, Mant.

Circus Vargas  
Apr. 30 Santa Cruz, Cal.  
May 1-2 Concord

Clyde Bros. Circus  
Apr 30-May 4 Green Bay, Wsc

Garden Bros. Circus  
May 1 Hamilton, Ont.

Gatti-Charles Amer. Cont'l  
Apr. 28-29 N. Westm'str, BC  
May 1-3 Abbotsford

George Matthews Circus  
Apr. 28-29 Tucson, Ariz.  
30 Deming, N.M.

Happytime Circus  
Apr 30-May 4 Los Banos, Ca.

Hoxie Bros. Circus  
Apr. 28 Berea, Kty.  
29 Richmond  
30 Winchester  
May 1 Grayson  
2 Ironton, Ohio  
3 Athens  
4 Marietta

Mid-America Circus  
Apr. 29 Pinehurst, Tex.  
30 Lake Charles, La.  
May 1 Lafayette  
2-3 Gretna  
4 Denham Springs

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit  
to May 26 New York, N.Y.

Royal Lipizzan Show  
Apr. 29 Johnstown, Pa.  
May 1-4 Cleveland, Ohio

Sells & Gray Circus  
Apr. 28 Henderson, Tex.  
29 Center  
30 Marshall  
May 1 Kilgore  
2 Tyler  
3 Palestine  
4 Jacksonville

John Strong Circus  
Apr. 28 Salinas, Cal.  
29 Hollister  
30 Lemoire Navy Air.  
May 1 Turlock  
2 Manteca  
3 Oakdale  
4 Sonora

Tripoli Shrine Circus  
Apr 30-May 4 Green Bay, Wsc

Voorheis Bros. Circus  
Apr. 28 Mt. Morris, Mich  
29 St. Clair  
May 1 Marine City  
2 Whitmore Lane

Zenobia Shrine Circus  
Apr -May 3 Toledo, Ohio

..... OTHER ROUTES .....

American Freedom Train  
Apr. 29 Lowell, Mass.  
May 3 Worcester

Century 21 Shows - Blue Unit  
Apr 28-May 3 Millington, Tn

Century 21 Shows - Red Unit  
May 2-10 Memphis, Tenn.

James H. Drew Shows  
Apr 28-May 3 Beckley, W.Va.

Longhorn Rodeo,  
May 2-4 Madison, Wisc.

Red Garter Revue  
May 2-4 Peru, Ind.

## In Memoriam

**CHARLIE BESILE (69)** He was associated with the Hamid family for some 40 yrs and became their show's general manager and announcer in 1965. He also toured with Bob Atterbury's show. Survivors include his wife Josephine and a daughter, Barbara. He died on March 24th at Brielle, New Jersey

**ROY DEISLER (67)** retired circus aerialist, died at his home in Gibsonton, Fla. on March 11th. He got his show business start in 1919 with a casting troupe. Later he became a catcher appearing with Sells Floto, Cole Bros. and RBBB. In 1944 he formed his own act and toured New Zealand and Australia. He returned to the U.S. in 1949 and toured with Rudy Bros, Tom Packs, etc., retiring in 1959.

**JAMES ROY GORMAN (66)**, father of Jean Gorman an RBBB Blue Unit show girl, died on April 17th at Danville, Calif. Survivors include his wife Elizabeth, daughters, Susan, Joan and Jean, and sons James, Robert and Michael.

**ANSEL W. ROBINSON (86)**, founder of the San Francisco Zoological Society and owner of a pet store in San Francisco. For many years he imported wild animals of all kinds for zoos and circuses, and was a good friend of Al G. Barnes. He also backed many of Frank Buck's animal hunts. He died in San Francisco on April 15th.

## Detroit Zoo's Big Gorilla Dies

- 2 Ironton, Ohio
- 3 Athens
- 4 Marietta

Hunt's Circus

May 1 Florence, N.J.

Kaye Cont'1 Circus

May 2-4 Shreveport, La

Lewis Bros. Circus

Apr. 28 Rossville, Ga.

29 Jasper, Tenn.

30 Dunlap

May 2 Monterrey

3 Livingston

Polack Bros. Circus

May 2-4 Tacoma, Wash.

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

Apr 29-May 4 Rochester, NY

Red Garter Revue

May 2-4 Peru, Ind.

Rose City Rides

Apr 30-May 3 Troy, Mo.

Tournament of Knights

Apr 29-May 4 San Fran, Cal.

## Study to Use Sea Animals

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Seals, sea lions and dolphins are being enlisted by researchers at the University of California, San Diego in a \$2 million fight against human lung diseases.

Scientists engaged in the five-year research project hope to learn the physiological bases of diseases such as

## Detroit Zoo's Big Gorilla Dies

DETROIT (AP) — Maximo, the Detroit Zoo's prize 538-pound gorilla, as been found dead in his cage.

Zoo officials said the 22-year-old Maximo had been sick for several weeks, but they never suspected he was close to death.

Maximo's body was discovered Friday when a keeper and the zoo's veterinarian came to give him a shot. The gorilla was sitting on the floor of his cage, leaning against the bars.

chronic bronchitis and emphysema by studying these marine mammals, said Dr. John B. West of the university's Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

# Shrine Offer GOOD CIRCUS ...by W. C. WOOD

The annual Shrine Circus, at Long Beach (Calif.) was produced by Sam T. Polack and featured several local acts, plus the George Matthews Circus. Four shows were presented in two days (Apr. 12-13), with tickets priced at \$3.00 and \$4.00 for reserves and \$1.50 for general admission.

The big show band was directed by Don Heaston, while announcing chores were handled by Ed Russell.

## Opry Park

Several changes and additions have been made at Opry Land Park for the coming season. They have enlarged their Petting Zoo and added several caged animals, including lions and bears. They will also be presenting circus acts -- trained dogs, a chimp act and trained macaws.

This past March the entire Park was flooded, with as much as 15 feet of water. The people there worked night and day to save their animals, most of them including the elephant, were moved to the second floor of the Grand Ole Opry Auditorium.

..... Almond Knight

## Show Folds

A lack of business forced the Circo Panamericano, in Puerto Rico, to close on Sunday, April 13th, at Bayamon. The show tour was originally scheduled for 12 weeks, then was reduced to eight weeks and finally they folded just seven weeks after the show opened.

The El Bekal Shrine Circus program featured:-

Miss Dorent - slide for life  
 Senor Pauncho - lions (7)  
 The Clowns - walkaround  
 Lutons and Comancheros - two double trapeze acts  
 Dwight Moore's Mongrel Revue  
 Herbert Weber - rope slide  
 Great Y Circus Unicyclists - 12 performers  
 Clown number  
 Prince Najvez - cloud swing  
 -- Intermission --  
 Great Y Circus Jugglers and Marco & Bonnie - jugglers  
 The Flying Artons - flying act  
 Ivan Henry's Chimps  
 The Clowns  
 Aerial Ballet - girls on webs and Lu Anne - single trap.  
 Los Latinos - tight wire  
 The Clowns  
 Miss Astra - sponge dive  
 Alphonso and Cindy - elephants  
 Les Moines - cycle on high wire

## Show Guests

Recent visitors on the Mid-America Circus lot have included: Bradd Frank, Bobby Peck, William Randolph, and Mel and B. K. Silverlake.

# Good Year Is Forecast

Although Hoxie Bros. Circus has decided against playing dates in Michigan this year, because of the high unemployment in that state, they are optimistic about the 1975 tour. According to show manager John Hall advance sales "have been up over last year." He points to the fact that circuses, carnivals and theatres are reporting an increase in business this year as an indication that 1975 will be a good circus year.

The circus expects to be on the road until late in the year, longer than in the past. They will also be playing some cities that are slightly bigger than previously played, with the bulk of dates being in the east and mid-west areas.

## SHOW DATES

Several variety acts have recently been booked for special programs by the Simone Finner Enterprises, of Hollywood, Cal.

Acts booked for appearances on the Merv Griffith TV show include:-

Charlie, Chas. & Co. - cycles  
 Amazing Monahans - risley  
 David Rosaire's Perky Pokes  
 Bumpy Family - acro/tumbling

Booked for the May 15th ABC-TV special "It's Magic" are:

Glen Falconstein - mentalist  
 Mike Caldwell - roly boly  
 Great Tomsoni - comedy magic

Acts booked to appear with the "Tournament of Knights" show are:-

Bumpy Family - acrobats  
 The Stevens - trampoline  
 Great Flamo - fire eater

A new 160 ft. diameter top is being used this year, which was made by the Leaf Tent & Awning Co. of Sarasota. This top seats 2,500 people and is a one ring set-up, putting spectators as close as possible to the performers.

The show's admission prices run \$1.50 for children and \$3.00 for adults.

## Miscellaneous

Polack Bros. Circus will be featured at the 1975 Lancaster (Calif.) Fair. Admission is \$1.00 for matinees and \$2.00 at evening shows.

Circus Kirk, Diamond S Wild West, L. N. Fleckles, Hamid-Morton, Beatty-Cole, Hunt Circus and Emmett Kelly, Jr. all have dates booked in New England

The new CMB Ring at Hicksville, L.I., N.Y. has been named in honor of David Hoover, wild animal trainer.



Pictured above on the left is Ben B. Lipset, who was known professionally as "Violini" as he appeared in 1916 while on a vaudeville tour. Later he became an artist's representative in New York

Pictured to the right is wire walker Harold Barnes at the age of 9. He was already performing cartwheels and doing a back somersault (feet to feet) on the wire without any mechanic, pole or parasol. Barnes appeared on many shows and now operates a tent rental business in Florida.

## Aerialist Returns After Fall

LAGUNA HILLS (Orange County) (AP)—Less than a year after he fell 70 feet and broke 33 bones, Tony Nock is back at work as a circus aerialist.

Nock fell during a performance with Ringling Bros. in Boston last May 25 when his metal swaypole crystallized and snapped.

After spending 40 days in the hospital and 2½ months in a wheel chair at his home here, Nock began walking on crutches last November. By December, he had put them

aside and was working out on the trapeze.

The aerialist signed up with the George Matthews Great London Circus this spring and is now doing two and three performances daily.

The highlight of his double trapeze act with his fiancée LouAnn Jacobs is a double split in which each dangles from the bar by one foot.

Nock said he expects to return to the swaypole act with his brother next year, following surgery to fuse

bones in his feet and build him a new heel.

Circus falls are not new to the Nock family. The aerialist's father tumbled 40 feet into a cage of lions at Madison Square Garden two years ago.

His sister Isabella toppled 24 feet into the hands of a prop man in a performance on the East Coast four years ago.

Neither was badly injured.

# NEW SHOW TOURING MICHIGAN

We visited the new Russell Bros. Circus, which is produced by William English, at its recent engagement in Grand Rapids, Mich. Clown numbers are produced by Coco Michael Pollakova, with music provided by Coco's Musical Comics. Announcing duties were handled by Phillip Morris.

The program included:-

Coco - Making Balloon Animals  
Circus Overture  
Gary Brunke - six lions  
Carmen Del Molino - wire  
Bill Kay - spinning plates  
The Clowns - The Ballet  
Walt King, Jr. - llamas  
Phillip Morris - illusions  
Clowns - Levitation  
Carmen del Molino - bal. trap.  
The Millers - comedy trapeze  
-- Intermission --  
Hunkie Johnson's bears  
Clowns - The Water Gag  
Steve & Norman - cradle  
Clowns - Walking on Stilts  
Walt King, Jr. - elephants (3)  
.....Kaye Scheiman

## UNIVERSITY FIRE (Continued)

placed on display in 1889, a short time after Jumbo was killed by a train in Canada.

Jumbo remained at the University only a short time for Barnum decided to exhibit him in England. A wall of the museum was torn down so the elephant could be removed and he was brought back to the museum in 1890 and has remained there ever since.

## Show Scores

This year's program of the Sells & Gray Circus, which is heading west, includes:

Ms. Edwards - trained dogs  
The Ferreiras - balancing  
Miss Isabella - balancing  
Miss Dana - single trapeze  
Marie Vasserot - rola bola  
The Zuranis - rola bola  
Don Caldan - rola bola  
Miss Evy - dressage horse  
Mr. Mark - dressage horse  
Miss Nina, Lynn, Estrellita - swinging ladders  
The Great Moises - tight wire  
Karoly's bareback riding act  
-- Intermission --  
Pandora - surprise feature  
Mdme. Marie France - silky dogs  
Miss Illona, Marcia and Margarita - Spanish web  
Mark Anthony - Trampoline  
The Incomparable Sampion - with Margarita, Illona - juggl'g  
Sensational Flores - aerialists  
Ted Svertesky and Miss Wilma - the circus elephants

## Miscellaneous

Franzan Bros. recently went from New Boston, Texas, to a date in Arkansas, then jumped into Missouri, all in four days.

# Favorable Ruling Expected

The attorney for Hal Haviland predicts the animal trainer will win in his fight against the Animal Welfare Act of 1970. Attorney Carl L. Shipley says a decision will be forthcoming "in the near future" from a three judge panel of the U. S. Court of Appeals who heard the case on March 25th.

Shipley says he "thinks the decision will be a well-written, lengthy one." This is an important case, he adds, for it is "one of the first to test that particular legislative act."

The decision should be in Haviland's favor, says Shipley. "If it isn't, we'll take it to the Supreme Court."

Haviland has been fighting the law, which requires animal trainers to be licensed or registered by the federal government. His first court case was defeated, mainly, he believes, because the government had witnesses who talked about cruelty to animals.

However, the Appeals Court decision is expected to be based on "strict legal constitutional interpretation of the law" and not on emotional testimony. This should result in a favorable decision.

Shipley argued against the law in the Appeals Court with these main points:-

1 - The law should not apply to animal acts in that these acts do not use animals "purchased in commerce" or which have an affect on commerce..and the law specifically is concerned with the governmental defin-

## ELEPHANTS ESCAPE (Continued)

escaped from a nearby circus and wandered into the path of his car. He applied his brakes, but still grazed one of the animals, which fell on his station wagon, crushing the roof.

The uninjured elephant ran off and Freeman called police before continuing on his route. Both elephants were later recaptured without incident.

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2 - The original wording of the law does not say "animal acts". This wording was added by the Dept. of Agriculture in interpreting the act. And this addition is in violation of the Constitution.

3 - The law is "blatantly discriminatory" in that it requires licensing, inspections, etc., of animal acts, circuses, carnivals, zoos, etc., but does not require it of fairs, livestock shows, rodeos, etc.

# Carny men wince when they walk in

ONTARIO (AP) — Walter Talleur, Tim Happ and Dean McGougan make the carny operators shutter.

They practiced for weeks tossing dimes and quarters into plates, then went to the Los Angeles County Fair in September to beat the con men at the toss-the-coin-in-the-dish-and-win-a-prize booths.

More than 100 bears, turtles, hipopotamuses, poodles and other stuffed animals they won were recently donated to a home for retarded children in nearby Chino.

The pre-Christmas presentation climaxed a yearly adventure for the three friends.

"We just do it for the fun of it," Talleur said.

"What would we do with 100 animals than give them to the kids who will enjoy them?"

It started two years ago "when we just got tired of being gyped. We started practicing so we could win for a change." In past years the men had won 80 carny creatures, which also went to charity.

They pulled a trick to increase their take this year.

Practicing was a problem. The 9/16-inch pedal plates that appear each year on stuffed animals heads were not sold in stores.

A makeshift dinner plate target could be used, but without the correctly shaped target the desired precision could not be developed.

"We decided to call up the fair and told them we were from the Elks Club and were going to have a Las Vegas night," Talleur explained.

John Lavacci of Lavacci and Cecchini, which holds the concession contract for the coin pitch stands at the Los Angeles fair, set aside a stack of coin pitch plates and left them at the Pomona fairgrounds for what he thought was an Elks group.

After weeks of practicing with plate-topped animals, they went to the fair.

Their throwing secret?

"We balance the coin between the thumb and joined index and middle finger, then throw them in an underhand motion to send the coin in an arch aimed

at near the rear plate lip," said McGougan.

"The slight backward spin makes the coin bounce straight up and land in the plate."

Adds Happ: "Most people make the mistake of trying to skip the coin so it ricochets from one plate to another."

On their best night at the fair, Talleur and Happ walked away with an animal from each of the 12 stands, while McGougan won 11 stuffed pets. Each invested no more than .25 in throws for each animal, worth from \$8 to \$10. Most were won with only one toss.

To protect themselves, stand operators have a one-animal per contestant nightly limit on winnings.

"Some of the stand operators are nice guys," said McGougan. "Others, when they see you have a lot of animals, sometimes harass you. They holler in your ear and walk in front of you while you are shooting."

To avoid walking to the stands "loaded," the three used "runners" — wives or friends who carry the animals and make regular trips back to a parked truck.